

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-60 are pending. In the Office Action dated November 7, 2005, Claims 1-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Applicant hereby addresses the Examiner's rejections in turn.

1. Change to Attorney Docket Number

Please note that the Attorney Docket Number for this application is now 60137.0017USU1. Applicant respectfully requests that future correspondence contain the new Attorney Docket Number.

2. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Bhat et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,777,395). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action acknowledges that the present claims are directed to 2',3' dideoxynucleoside compounds. Bhat et al. is cited as disclosing 2' methyl,3' hydroxy nucleoside compounds. Applicant respectfully points out that a 2' methyl,3' hydroxy nucleoside is not a 2',3' dideoxynucleotide as presently claimed. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.


Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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